

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating vehicle ingress and egress with a vehicle including at least one ~~row of~~ non-first row ~~back seats~~ seat coupled to the vehicle in a seat track and ~~having a vehicle stadium/slide seat system, with each back seat having a seat cushion and seat back,~~ the method comprising the steps of:

manipulating a ~~flip-forward~~ first mechanism associated with at least one of the ~~back~~ non-first row ~~seats~~ seat for adjusting a seat cushion to flip forward;

rotating the seat cushion while maintaining the seat back in an upright position; and

moving the ~~back~~ non-first row seat in the seat track to a pre-selected position.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-selected position is one of an easy-entry position and a design position.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the step of looking the back seat in the pre-selected position.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for facilitating stowing of ~~the~~ a ~~non-first row~~ non-first row ~~back seats~~ seat of a vehicle having at least one row of non-first row ~~back seats~~ coupled to the vehicle in a seat track, with each ~~back~~ non-first row seat having a seat cushion and seat back, the method comprising the steps of:

manipulating a ~~stow~~ lever associated with at least one the ~~back~~ non-first row ~~seats~~ seat to stow the non-first row seat;

rotating the seat cushion forward and downward such that the seat cushion is flush with the vehicle floor; and

rotating the seat back to a position adjacent to the seat cushion.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, including the step of rotating the seat back to a design position.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, including the step of moving the seat along the seat track to a pre-selected position.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, including the step of locking the seat in the pre-selected position.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~vehicle stadium/slide seat system mounted on one side of~~ for mounting in a vehicle seat, with the vehicle seat system coupled to a vehicle in having a seat track, and with the vehicle seat having a seat cushion and a seat back, the vehicle stadium/slide seat system comprising:

a flip-forward first mechanism for adjusting the seat cushion between a design position for sitting and a easy-entry position where the seat cushion is flipped forward comprising:

a linkage assembly coupled to the seat track;

a seat bracket coupled to the linkage ~~assemble~~ assembly and the seat cushion;
and

an easy-entry ~~lever~~ adjuster coupled to the linkage assembly and configured to release a track engagement device coupled to the linkage assembly, wherein the vehicle seat can be moved to one of a design position and an easy-entry position while maintaining the seat back in an upright position; and

a stow ~~lever~~ adjuster coupled to the seat back and configured to lock and release the seat ~~back cushion~~ cushion and allow the seat back cushion to ~~rotate~~ move to one of a design position and a stowed position wherein the seat cushion is flush with the vehicle floor.

9. (Currently Amended) The vehicle stadium/slide seat system of claim 8, wherein the vehicle stadium/slide seat system is ~~configured to operate~~ operable from either side of the vehicle seat.

10. (Original) The vehicle stadium/slide seat system of claim 8, including a locking device to lock the seat in a position along the seat track.

11. (New) A method for facilitating vehicle ingress and egress with a vehicle including at least one non-first row seat coupled to the vehicle in a seat track and having a seat cushion and seat back, the method comprising the steps of:

manipulating a first mechanism of the non-first row seat for adjusting a seat cushion to flip forward;

rotating the seat cushion; and

moving the non-first row seat in the seat track to a pre-selected position after rotating the seat cushion.

12. (New) A seat system for facilitating stowing of a non-first row seat of a vehicle having at least one row of non-first row seats coupled to the vehicle in a seat track, with each non-first row seat having a seat cushion and seat back, the seat system comprising:

a lever associated with the non-first row seat configured to lock and release the seat cushion and seat back and allow the seat cushion and seat back to move to one of a design position or stowed position wherein the seat cushion is flush with the vehicle floor and the seat back is positioned adjacent to the seat cushion.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 1, 4, 8 and 9 are amended. Claims 11 and 12 are added. No new matter is added. Claims 1-12 will be pending in the present Application upon entry of this Amendment and Reply.

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Claim Objections

1. Claim 1